



Forest Service News Release

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Cleveland National Forest Under Elevated Fire Restrictions

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — June 23, 2021. Effective immediately, the Cleveland National Forest will move into Elevated Fire Restrictions. To provide for emergency resource protection and public safety, forest officials have elevated fire restrictions and raised the Fire Danger Level to “Very High” across the Forest. This change is partly due to a combination of critical fire weather, fuel moisture at or below record levels, drought conditions, and a seasonal outlook showing continued hot and dry weather. Today’s precipitation will have little to no impact on fuel moisture levels. These restrictions are in effect through January 1, 2022.

Restrictions include:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or charcoal fire except within open developed recreation sites.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or within developed recreation sites.
- Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
- Target shooting, discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun, except for the purpose of hunting during the designated hunting season as specified by the laws of the State of California and possessing a valid California hunting license.

General fire restrictions in place year-round that remain in effect:

- Using or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited year-round.
- Spark arrestors are required for all off-highway vehicles, chainsaws, and other internal combustion equipment.
- Discharging a firearm using the following ammunition is never allowed; including during hunting seasons: steel core, armor piercing, and tracer ammunition.

Visitors are asked to be aware of wildfire conditions in their area and take appropriate prevention measures where necessary. For more information visit:

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